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DEEXCITATION PROBABILITY OF NUCLEAR ISOMERS

Examiner: Mr. Brooke PURINTON

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Sir,

First we would like to thank you for the ongoing examination.

We have been reviewing the text of claim 1 (independent claim of Group I) and claim 10 (independent claim of group II) in relation to the following:

- The fact that an independent claim (where there is no embedded alternatives) defines an invention in the Patent Cooperation Treaty's terminology,
- The Patent Cooperation Treaty and more precisely Rules 13.1 and Rules 13.2
- Your preliminary analysis concerning the absence of a technical relationship among those inventions involving one or more of the same or corresponding special technical features.